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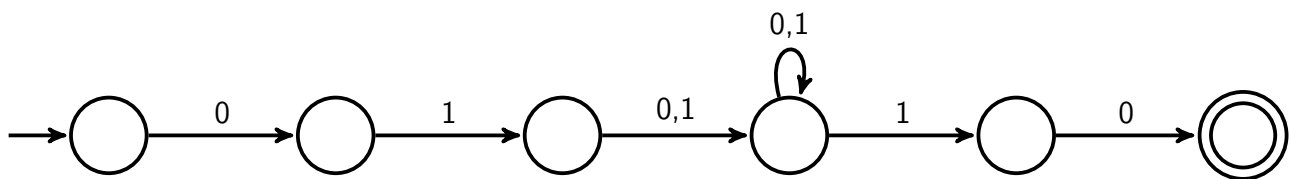
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CLASSWORK 1

Find an NFA that recognizes the language A over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ where

$$A = \{w \mid w \text{ starts with } 01, \text{ ends with } 10 \text{ and is of length at least } 5\}$$

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CLASSWORK 1

Find an NFA that recognizes the language A over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ consisting of strings that

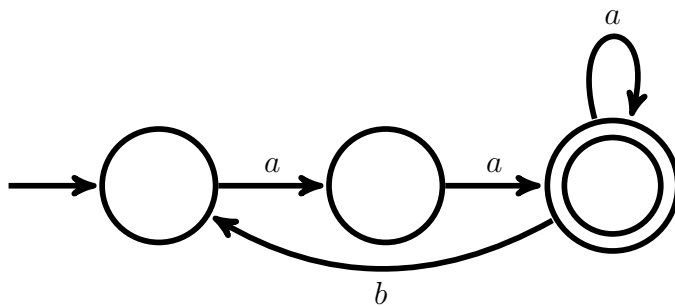
- Start and ends with a . Length must be at least two.
- Contains a 's in sequences of two or more.
- Does not contain bb . (b 's are isolated)

Examples:

$aaa, aabaaaa, aaabaaaaabaaaaa$: ACCEPT

$a, b, baa, aababaaa, aabbaaa$: REJECT

Answer:





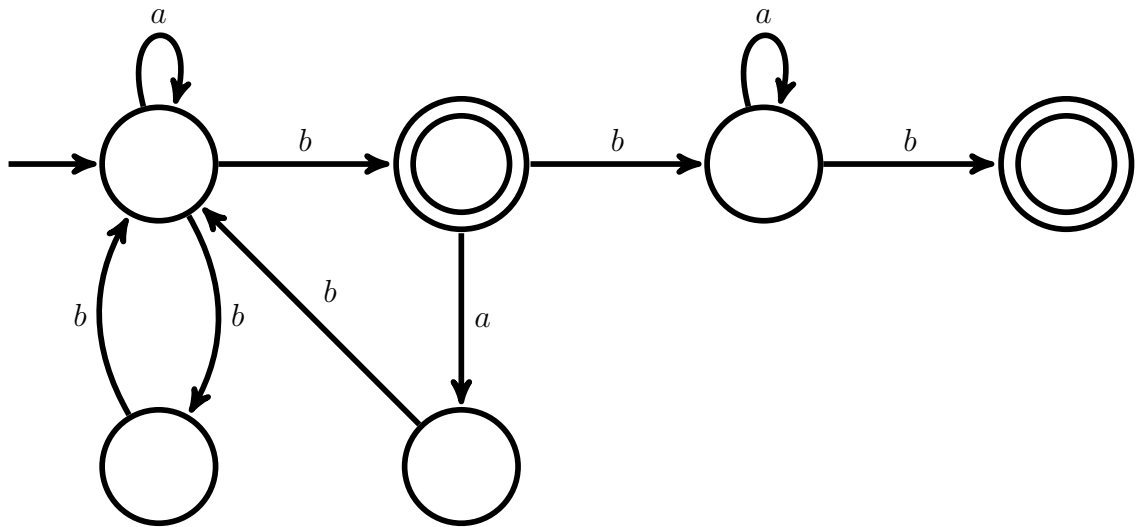
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CLASSWORK 2

Find a regular expression equivalent to the language recognized by the following NFA:



Answer:

$$(a \cup bb \cup bab)^* b (\varepsilon \cup ba^*b)$$

OR

$$b (ab (a \cup bb)^* b)^* (\varepsilon \cup ba^*b)$$



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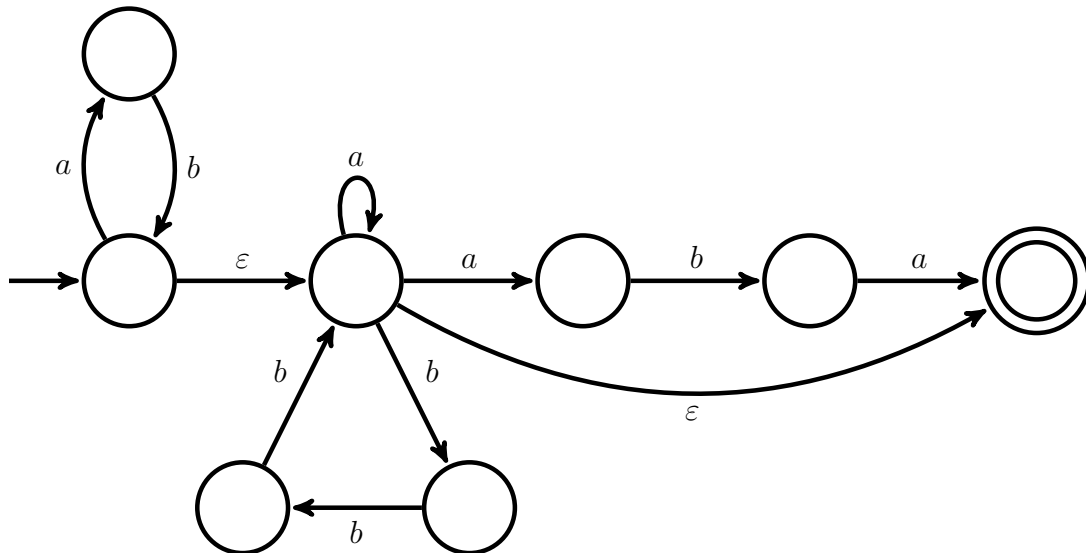
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CLASSWORK 2

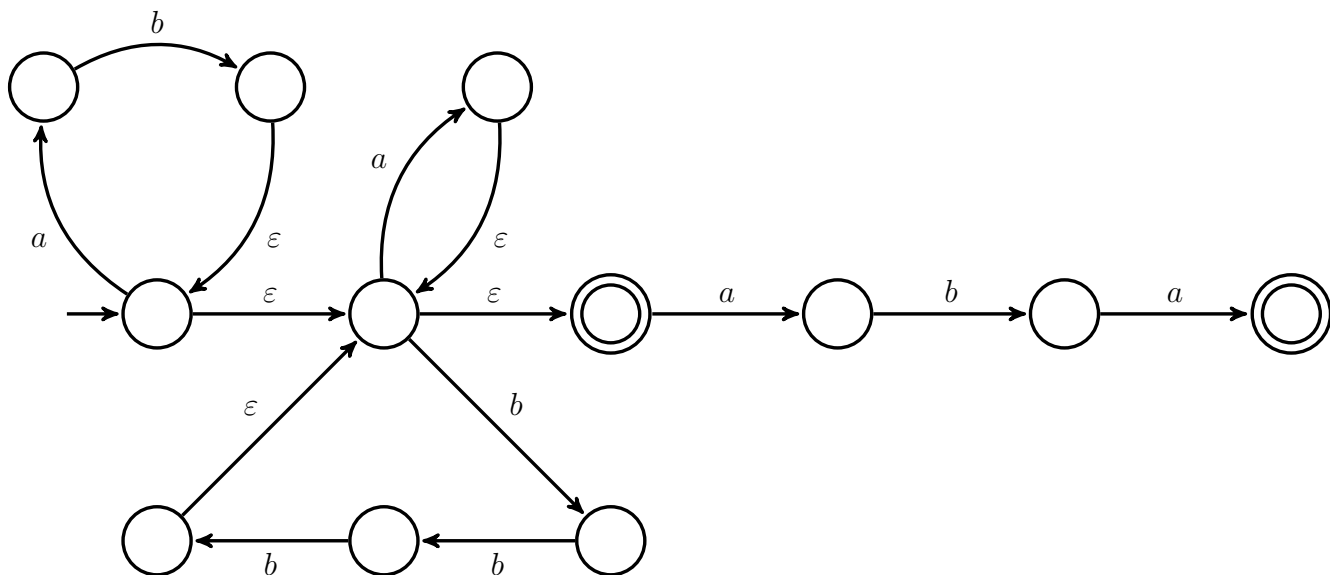
Find an NFA recognizing the regular expression:

$$(ab)^* (a^* \cup bbb)^* (aba \cup \varepsilon)$$

Answer:



OR





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CLASSWORK 3

Consider the following languages over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$$A = \{a^n b^m c^{2n+m} \mid n, m \geq 0\}$$

$$B = \{a^{n+3} b^{m+2} c^q a^2 \mid n, m, q \geq 0\}$$

One of these languages is regular. Find a regular expression for it.

The other is not regular. Prove that it is not regular using pumping lemma.

Answer:

B is regular. We can describe it by the regular expression $aaaa^* bbb^* c^* aa$.

Suppose A is regular, assume the pumping length to be p . Consider the string

$$s = a^p b^p c^{3p}$$

Clearly, $|s| > p$ so we should be able to pump it by pumping lemma.

$$s = xyz$$

We also know that $|xy| \leq p$. Therefore y consists of a 's only. If $|y| = k$, then

$$xyyz = a^{p+k} b^p c^{3p} \notin A$$

Therefore our assumption is wrong. s can not be pumped, so A is not regular.



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CLASSWORK 3

Consider the following languages over the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$

$$A = \{a^n b^m c^{nm} \mid n, m \geq 0\}$$

$$B = \{a^{2n} b^m c^{q+1} a^2 \mid n, m, q \geq 0\}$$

One of these languages is regular. Find a regular expression for it.

The other is not regular. Prove that it is not regular using pumping lemma.

Answer:

B is regular. We can describe it by the regular expression $(aa)^* b^* cc^* aa$.

Suppose A is regular, assume the pumping length to be p . Consider the string

$$s = a^p b^p c^{p^2}$$

Clearly, $|s| > p$ so we should be able to pump it by pumping lemma.

$$s = xyz$$

We also know that $|xy| \leq p$. Therefore y consists of a 's only. If $|y| = k$, then

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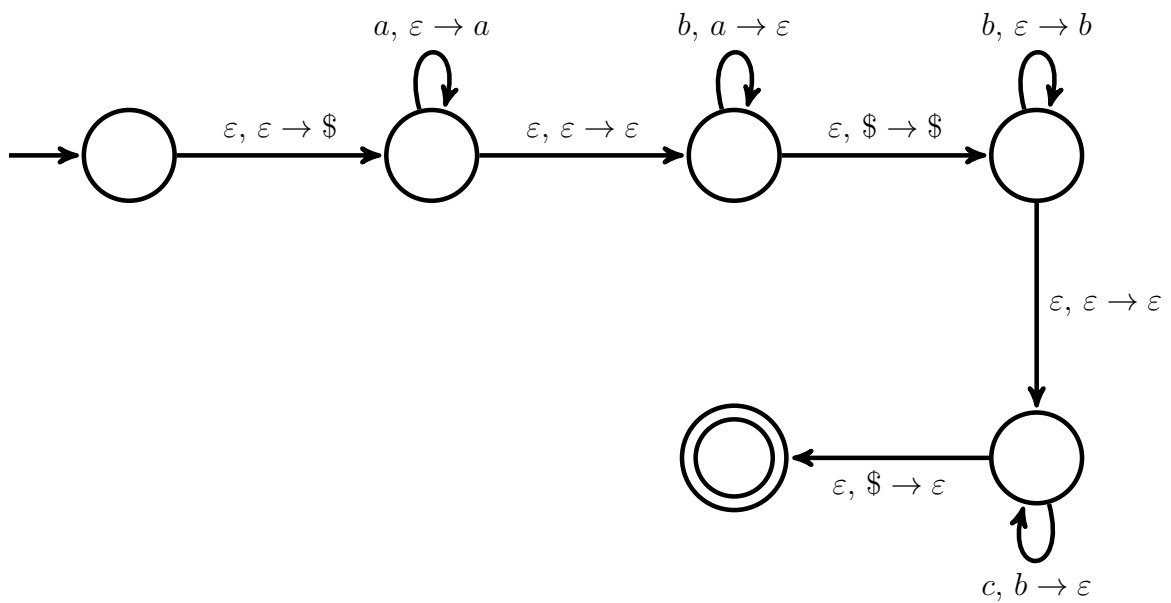
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CLASSWORK 4

Find a PDA that recognizes the language $\{a^m b^{m+n} c^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$.

Answer:





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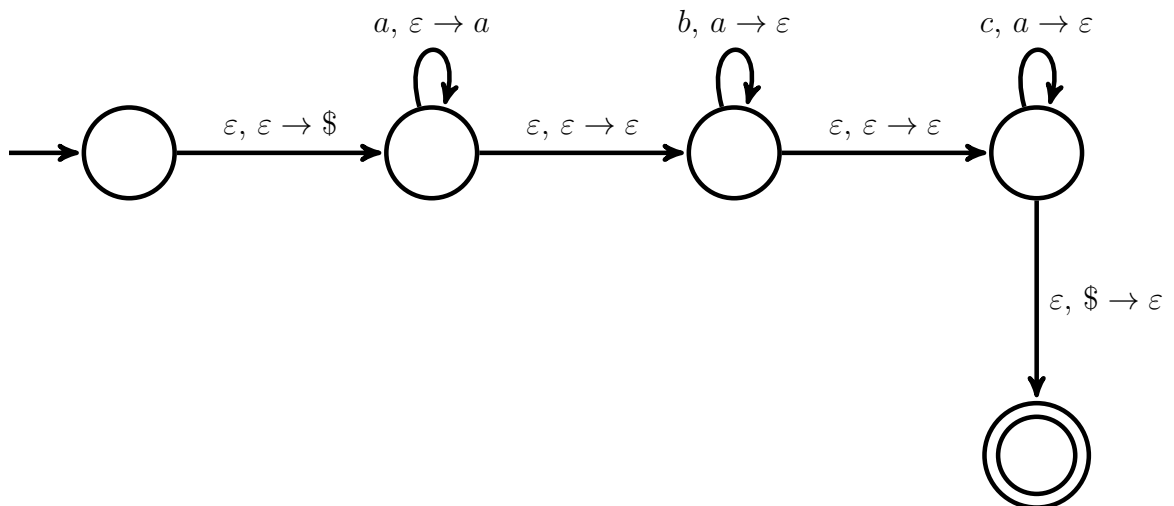
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CLASSWORK 4

Find a PDA that recognizes the language $\{a^{m+n} b^m c^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$.

Answer:





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CLASSWORK 5

Among the following languages over $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$, choose one that is not context-free. Then, prove that it is not context free using pumping lemma:

1. $\{0^i 1^j 2^k \mid i > j > k > 0\}$
2. $\{0^i 1^j \mid i = j^2\}$
3. $\{0^i 1^j 2^i \mid i \text{ is odd, } j \text{ is even}\}$
4. $\{0^i 1^j 2^k \mid k > i \text{ AND } k > j\}$

Answer:

Number 3 is context-free. Therefore it is the wrong answer. The other languages are non-context-free.

1. Suppose A is context free. Let the pumping length be p . Consider

$$s = 0^{p+2} 1^{p+1} 2^p$$

Let $s = uvxyz$. If v (or y) contains more than one type of symbol, $uv^2vxyyz \notin A$ because symbols are out of order. Therefore v and y must contain one type of symbol only.

- v and y contain no 0's. Then, v and y contain 1 and/or 2. Pumping up, we have more 1's (or 2's) than 0's. Impossible.
- v contains 0's, y contain 2's. Pumping up, we have more 2's than 1's. Impossible.
- v contains 0's, y contain 1's. (BE CAREFUL!) We can pump up, but we cannot pump down, because number of 0's will be equal or less than number of 2's.
- v contains 0's, $y = \varepsilon$. Similar to previous case.

2. Left as exercise.

3. Pumping length is 4. Consider any s with $|s| \geq 4$ in the language. Any such string can be pumped (up or down) as follows:

- It contains two or more 1's:

$$\underbrace{0 \dots 0 1 \dots 1}_u \underbrace{1}_v \underbrace{1}_y \underbrace{1 \dots 1 2 \dots 2}_z$$

- It does not contain any 1's:

$$\underbrace{0 \dots 0}_u \underbrace{00}_v \underbrace{22}_y \underbrace{2 \dots 2}_z$$

4. Similar to 1.



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CLASSWORK 6

Let A be the language in $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ made of strings where number of zeros is more than twice the number of ones. Describe a Turing Machine recognizing A . Is it a decider?

Answer:

1. Go to start. Search for 1.
IF found, cross it. (Replace by \times)
ELSE, Go to 4.
2. Repeat 2 times:
Go to start. Search for 0.
IF found, cross it.
ELSE, REJECT.
3. Go to 1.
4. Go to start. Search for 0.
IF found, ACCEPT.
ELSE, REJECT.



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CLASSWORK 6

Let B be the language in $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ defined as

$$B = \{w \mid w = 0^n 1^m, m = 5n - 3, n \geq 1\}$$

Describe a Turing Machine recognizing B .
Is it a decider?

Answer:

1. Sweep from left to right. IF symbols are out of order, REJECT.
2. Repeat 3 times:
 Go to end. Write 1 to tape.
3. Go to start. Search for 0.
 IF found, cross it. (Replace by \times)
 ELSE, Go to 6.
4. Repeat 5 times:
 Go to start. Search for 1.
 IF found, cross it.
 ELSE, REJECT.
5. Go to 3.
6. Go to start. Search for 1.
 IF found, REJECT.
 ELSE, ACCEPT.



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CLASSWORK 7

Let A be the language in $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ defined as

$$A = \{w \mid w = a^n b a^{2n-1}, n \geq 1\}$$

Describe a Turing Machine recognizing A .

Answer:

1. Sweep from left to right.
IF there is no b , or more than one b 's,
REJECT.
2. Move head to end. Write a to tape.
3. Move head to start. Search for a until meeting b .
IF found
Cross it. (Replace by \times)
ELSE
Go to 6.
4. Repeat 2 times:
Move head to start. Search for b .
Search for a .
IF found
Cross it.
ELSE
REJECT.
5. Go to 3.
6. Move head to start. Search for b .
Search for a .
IF found
REJECT.
ELSE
ACCEPT.



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CLASSWORK 7

Let B be the language in $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ defined as

$$B = \{w \mid w = a^i b^j c^k, i < j \text{ AND } i < k\}$$

Describe a Turing Machine recognizing B .

Answer:

1. Sweep from left to right. IF symbols out of order, REJECT.
2. Move head to start. Search for a .
IF found
Cross it. (Replace by \times)
ELSE
Go to 6.
3. Move head to start. Search for b .
IF found
Cross it.
ELSE
REJECT.
4. Move head to start. Search for c .
IF found
Cross it.
ELSE
REJECT.
5. Go to 2.
6. Move head to start.
Search for b .
IF found
Search for c .
IF found
ACCEPT.
ELSE
REJECT.
ELSE
REJECT.



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CLASSWORK 8

Find a 1-1 correspondence (one-to-one, onto function) between these two sets:

$A = \{\text{positive odd integers}\}$

$B = \{\text{positive multiples of 3}\}$

Answer:

$$f : A \rightarrow B, \quad f(n) = \frac{3(n+1)}{2}$$

$$g : B \rightarrow A, \quad g(n) = \frac{2n}{3} - 1$$



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CLASSWORK 8

Find a 1-1 correspondence (one-to-one, onto function) between these two sets:

$$A = \{\text{All integers}\}$$

$$B = \{\text{Positive even integers}\}$$

Answer:

$$f : A \rightarrow B, \quad f(n) = \begin{cases} 4n & \text{if } n > 0 \\ -4n + 2 & \text{if } n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$g : B \rightarrow A, \quad g(n) = \begin{cases} n/4 & \text{if } n/2 \text{ is even} \\ -(n-2)/4 & \text{if } n/2 \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$



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CLASSWORK 9

What language does the following TM recognize? Describe.

1. Sweep from left to right.
IF there is any a after b , REJECT.
2. Move head to start.
Search for a .
IF found
 Cross it. (Replace by \times)
 Search for a .
 IF found
 Cross it.
 ELSE
 REJECT.
ELSE
 Go to 5.
3. Search for b .
IF found
 Cross it.
ELSE
 REJECT.
4. Go to 2.
5. Move head to start.
Search for b .
IF found
 REJECT.
ELSE
 ACCEPT.

Answer:

$$\{a^{2n}b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$$



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CLASSWORK 9

What language does the following TM recognize? Describe.

1. Sweep from left to right.
IF there is any a after b , REJECT.
2. Move head to start.
Search for a .
IF found
 Cross it. (Replace by \times)
 Search for a .
 IF found
 Cross it.
 ELSE
 REJECT.
ELSE
 Go to 5.
3. Search for b .
IF found
 Cross it.
ELSE
 REJECT.
4. Go to 2.
5. Move head to start.
Search for b .
IF found
 Search for b .
 IF found
 REJECT.
 ELSE
 ACCEPT.
ELSE
 REJECT.

Answer:

$$\{a^{2n}b^{n+1} \mid n \geq 0\}$$



CENG 491 - Formal Languages and Automata Final Examination

- 1) Consider the regular expression $(b \cup aa)^* (bb)^* (\varepsilon \cup aba)$.

Draw the diagram of an NFA recognizing a language equivalent to this.

- 2) a) Find a CFG over $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ that generates strings containing an odd number of symbols, starting and ending with 1.
b) Express the same grammar in Chomsky normal form.

- 3) Let A be the language in $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ defined as

$$A = \{w \mid w = a^{n^3} b^n, n \geq 1\}$$

Describe a Turing Machine recognizing A .

- 4) Find a 1-1 correspondence (one-to-one, onto function) between these two infinite sets A and B . Denote domain and range of the function. (For example $f : A \rightarrow B$ or $g : B \rightarrow A$)

$$A = \{\dots, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5, \dots\}$$

$$B = \{8, 15, 22, 29, 36, \dots\}$$

- 5) Show that the following problem is in NP :

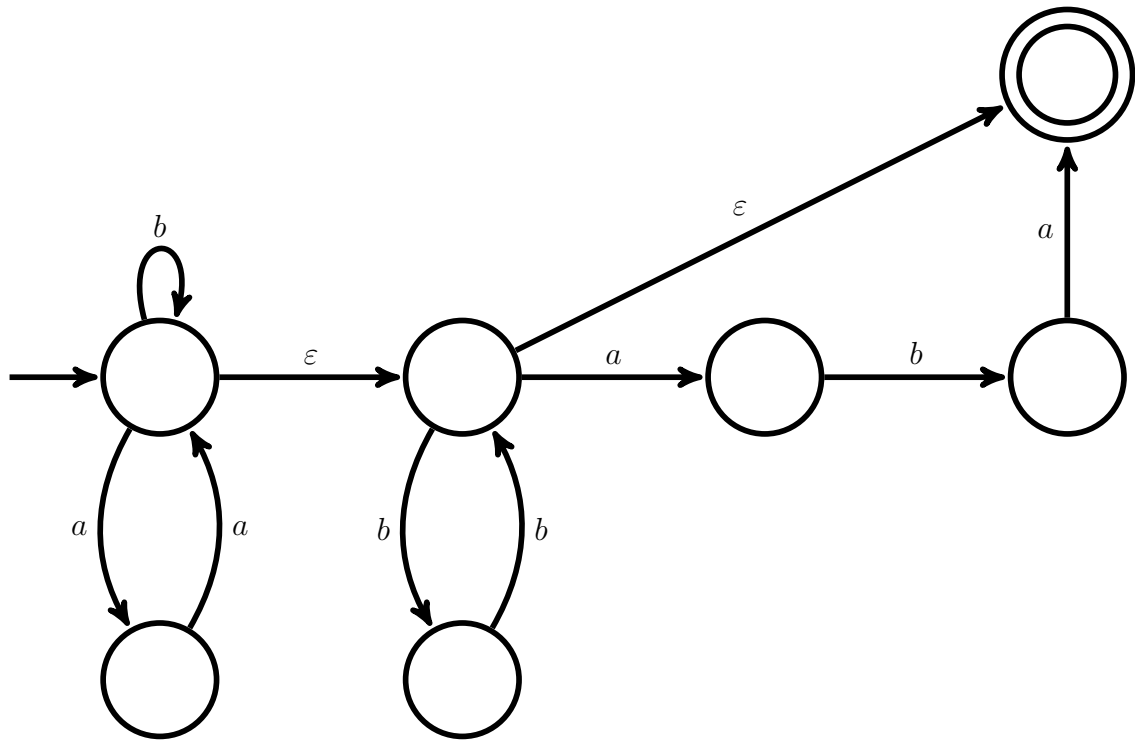
You have n objects. Each object has some weight, w_i , where $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. You are given m containers. The max weight each container can carry is C . You will accept the containers if your objects fit in them and reject otherwise.

Bonus) Show that the following problem is in P :

There are n senior students in a class. I want to find 3 students A, B, C among them such that the couples $A-B$, $A-C$ and $B-C$ have been lab or project partners in some course. To make my job easier, each student gives me a list of all students in the class he/she ever worked with.

Answers

1)



2) a)

$$S \rightarrow 1A1 \mid 1$$

$$A \rightarrow BAB \mid B$$

$$B \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$$

b)

$$S \rightarrow TZ \mid 1$$

$$T \rightarrow ZA$$

$$Z \rightarrow 1$$

$$A \rightarrow BU \mid 0 \mid 1$$

$$B \rightarrow 0 \mid 1$$

$$U \rightarrow AB$$

3)

1. Sweep from left to right.
IF there is no a , or no b , or if they are out of order
REJECT.
2. Move head to start. Search for b .
IF found,
Mark it.
Move head to end. Write c to tape.
Go to 2.
//Write n c 's to tape. (Assuming there were n b 's in the beginning.
3. Unmark all b 's.
4. Move head to start. Search for b .
IF found
Mark it.
Unmark all marked c 's.
Shuttle between c 's and right end. Write one d for each c .
IF c is not found, Go to 4.
//Write n^2 d 's to tape.
5. Unmark all b 's.
6. Move head to start. Search for b .
IF found
Mark it.
Unmark all marked d 's.
Shuttle between d 's and right end. Write one e for each d .
IF d is not found, Go to 6.
//Write n^3 e 's to tape.
7. Move head to start.
Shuttle between a 's and e 's, mark each one for one.
IF they are equal
ACCEPT.
ELSE
REJECT.

3) (Alternative Solution by Oğuz Küçükcanbaz)

1. Sweep from left to right.
IF there is no a , or no b , or if they are out of order
REJECT.
2. For each b
Write c to tape.
Write d to tape.
3. For each b
For each c
For each d
Move head to start. Search for a .
IF found,
Mark it.
ELSE
REJECT.
4. Move head to start. Search for a .
IF found,
REJECT.
ELSE
ACCEPT.

4)

$$f : A \rightarrow B, \quad f(n) = \begin{cases} 7n + 1 & \text{if } n > 0 \\ -7n + 8 & \text{if } n < 0 \end{cases}$$
$$g : B \rightarrow A, \quad g(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{7} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{-n+8}{7} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

- 5) Given a solution, we have n objects and m containers, together with the list of objects in each container.

To check the solution, we have to do $n - m$ additions and m comparisons.

This is $\Theta(n)$ operations.

We can check a given solution in polynomial time \Rightarrow The problem is in NP.

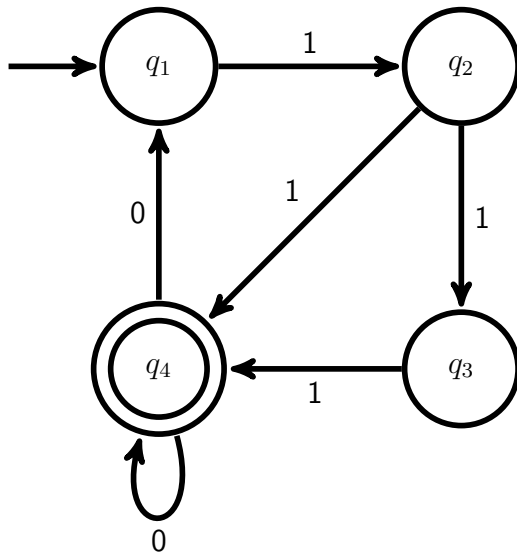
Bonus) There are $\binom{n}{3} = \Theta(n^3)$ triples. We have to check their connections by going over their lists. This makes $\Theta(n)$ operations for checking each triple, so in total we need $\Theta(n^4)$ operations to find the solution. \Rightarrow The problem is in P.
(Better algorithms are possible but the result is the same.)



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First Midterm Examination

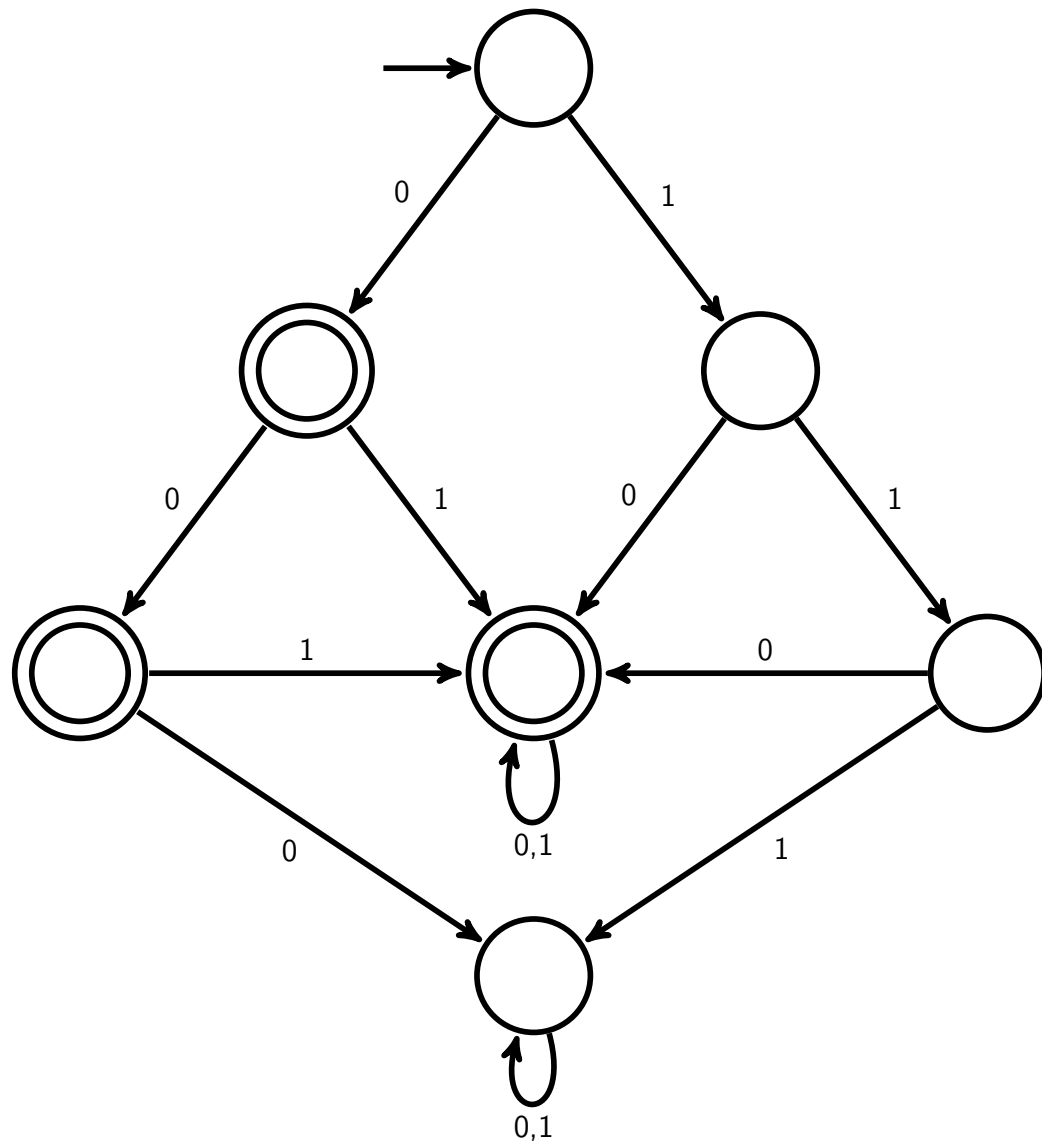
- 1) Find a DFA that accepts all strings over $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ that contains one or two 0's in the first three symbols.
- 2) Find a DFA that recognizes the same language as the following NFA:



- 3) Consider the following languages over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$:
 - $A = \{a^n b^m c^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$
 - $B = \{a^n b^m \mid n > m \geq 0\}$
 - $C = \{a^{3n+2} b^{m+1} c^k \mid m, n \geq 0, k = 5 \text{ or } k = 7\}$
 - a) One of them is regular. Find a regular expression for it.
 - b) One of them is not regular. Show that it is not regular using pumping lemma.
 - 4) Find a CFG that generates the language $\{a^{2n} b^{2m+1} c^n \mid m, n \geq 0\}$ over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$.
 - 5) Find a PDA that recognizes the language $\{a^n b^m \mid n > m\}$ over $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$.
- Bonus)** Find a CFG in Chomsky normal form that generates strings with a multiple of 8 symbols over $\Sigma = \{0, 1, 2\}$.

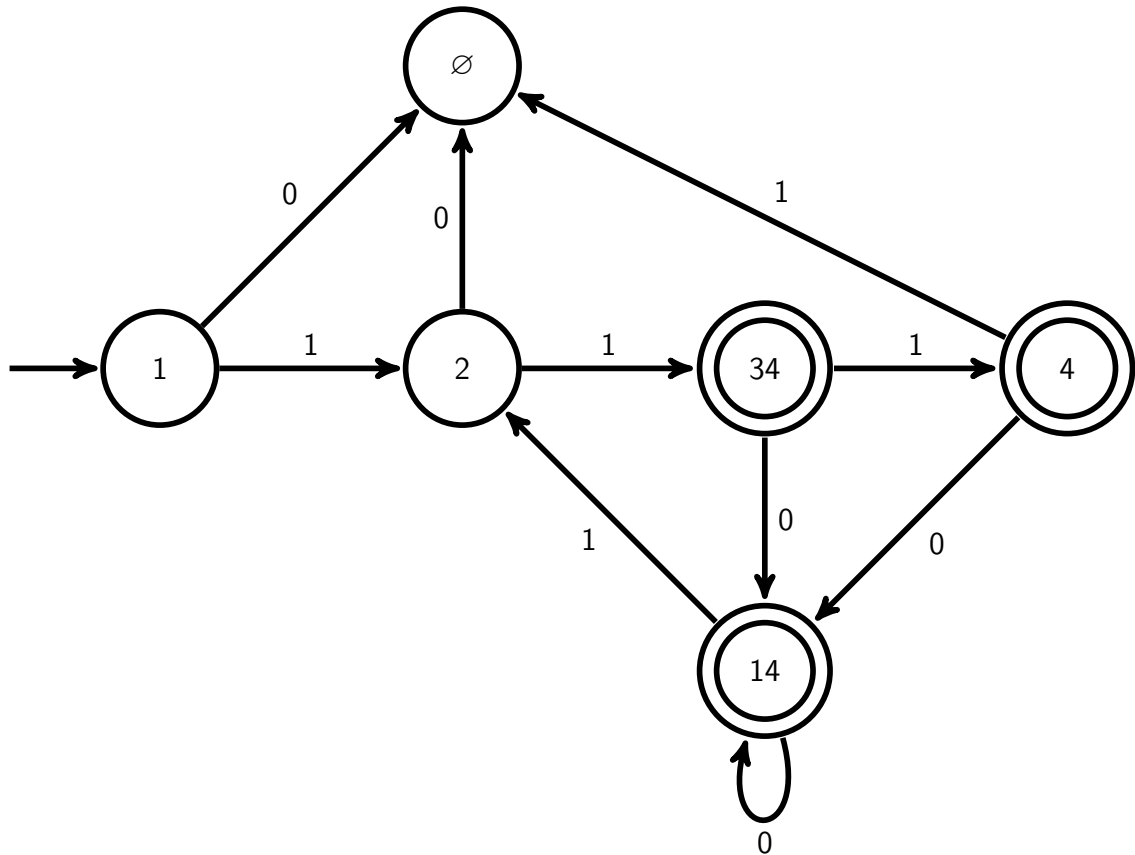
Answers

1)



Note that, once you get 10 or 01 in the beginning, you don't care about the third input.

2)



3) a) The language C is regular. Its regular expression is:

$$aa(aaa)^*bb^*(ccccc \cup ccccccc)$$

b) The languages A and B are not regular. Suppose they are regular, let the pumping length be p .

For A , choose the test string as $s = a^p b c^p$.

If $xyz = s$ and $|xy| \leq p$, then y consists of a 's only.

In other words $y = a^k$ therefore $xyyz = a^{p+k} b c^p \notin A$ because there are more a 's than c 's.

For B , choose the test string as $s = a^{p+1} b^p$.

If $xyz = s$ and $|xy| \leq p$, then y consists of a 's only.

In other words $y = a^k$ therefore (BE CAREFUL HERE!) $xyyz = a^{p+k+1} b^p \in B$ because there are more a 's than b 's. Similarly for $xyyyz$ and others.

Here, we have to pump down. Use the pumping lemma for $i = 0$.

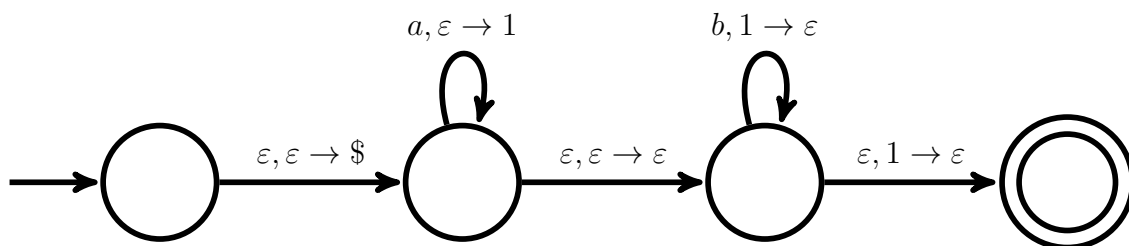
As usual, y must be a^k , but now, consider $xy^0z = xz = a^{p-k+1} b^p \notin B$ because there are less a 's than b 's.

(It's a better idea to choose A for the proof!)

4)

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow aaSc \mid T \\ T \rightarrow bbT \mid b \end{array}$$

5)



Bonus) A simple grammar that generates the given language is:

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow T \mid \varepsilon \\ T \rightarrow TT \mid CCCCCCCC \\ C \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \end{array}$$

Using the first rule, we can reach zero or one T . Using the second rule repeatedly, we can reach two or more T 's. Then, replacing each T by 8 C 's and then terminals, we reach our aim.

This grammar is NOT in Chomsky normal form, but we can easily transform it as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} S \rightarrow TT \mid AA \mid \varepsilon \\ T \rightarrow TT \mid AA \\ A \rightarrow BB \\ B \rightarrow CC \\ C \rightarrow 0 \mid 1 \mid 2 \end{array}$$



CENG 491 - Formal Languages and Automata Second Midterm Examination

- 1) Show that the following language over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ is not context-free using pumping lemma:

$$A = \{a^{2n} b^{n+1} c^{n-1} \mid n \geq 1\}$$

- 2) Let B be the language over $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ defined as

$$B = \{w \mid w = a^i b^j c^k, i \leq j \text{ OR } i \leq k\}$$

Describe a Turing Machine recognizing B .

- 3) (See Next Page)

- 4) There are two computer programs. Each one takes a finite page of text as input, and produces another page of text as output.

A Turing machine can give any input it wants to these two programs. It will ACCEPT if they return the same output for some input, REJECT otherwise.

Is this TM a decider?

- 5) Consider the alphabet $\Sigma = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$

a) Let A be the set of all words that can be generated with this alphabet. Is A countable? (Words are always of finite length)

b) Let B be the set of all infinite strings that can be generated with this alphabet. Is B countable?

Explain.

- Bonus)** Consider the infinite two dimensional grid, $G = \{(m, n) \mid m \text{ and } n \text{ are integers}\}$. Every point in G has 4 neighbours, North, South, East and West.

Starting at the origin $(0, 0)$, a string of commands N, S, E, W , generates a path in G . A path is closed if it starts at the origin and ends at the origin.

Let C be the collection of all strings over $\Sigma = \{N, S, E, W\}$ that generate a closed path.

a) Describe C .

b) Prove that C is not context-free.

3) What language does the following TM recognize? Describe.

1. Sweep from left to right.
IF there are less than or more than two 1's,
REJECT.
// There must be exactly two 1's on the tape.
2. Move head to end. Write 000 to tape.
3. Move head to start. Search for 0 until meeting 1.
IF found
Cross it. (Replace by \times)
ELSE
Go to 7.
4. Move head to start. Search for 1.
Repeat 2 times:
Search for 0 until meeting 1.
IF found
Cross it.
ELSE
REJECT.
5. Move head to start. Search for 1. Search for 1.
// In other words, search for the second 1.
Repeat 3 times:
Search for 0.
IF found
Cross it.
ELSE
REJECT.
6. Go to 3.
7. Move head to start.
Search for 0.
IF found
REJECT.
ELSE
ACCEPT.

Answers

- 1) Suppose A is context free. Let p be the pumping length. Choose s as $s = a^{2p}b^{p+1}c^{p-1}$. How can we choose v and y such that $s = uvxyz$?

- 1) They contain more than one symbol.

In this case, the pumped string uv^2xy^2z will have symbols out of order. For example, it will contain a 's after b 's. Therefore $uv^2xy^2z \notin A$.

- 2) They contain a single symbol.

In that case, we can pump at most two of the symbols $\{a, b, c\}$. The remaining one will have the same power in the pumped string. For example, if we choose $v = aa$ and $y = b$ we obtain $uv^2xy^2z = a^{2n+2}b^{n+2}c^{n-1} \notin A$

Therefore we cannot pump this string. By pumping lemma, A is not context free.

2)

1. Sweep from left to right. IF symbols out of order, REJECT.

2. Move head to start. Search for a .

IF found

Cross it. (Replace by \times)

ELSE

ACCEPT.

3. Move head to start. Search for b .

IF found

Cross it.

ELSE

Go to 5.

4. Go to 2.

5. Restore all a 's.

6. Move head to start. Search for a .

IF found

Cross it. (Replace by \times)

ELSE

ACCEPT.

7. Move head to start. Search for c .

IF found

Cross it.

ELSE

REJECT.

8. Go to 6.

3) $\{0^n 10^{2n} 10^{3n-3}, n \geq 1\}$

4) Yes, it is a decider. The TM can check all possible inputs, because there are finitely many inputs. Supposing there are k different characters on the keyboard and n characters per page, it needs to check n^k different inputs.

5) a) Yes. We can count (list) them as follows:

$$\{a, b, c, d, e, aa, ab, ac, \dots, ee, aaa, aab, \dots\}$$

b) No, infinite strings are not countable. They are similar to real numbers on $[0, 1]$. Suppose there is a list. We can easily produce a string not on the list using Cantor's diagonal proof.

Bonus) a) These strings contain

- Equal number of N and S symbols.
- Equal number of E and W symbols.

(Order does not matter)

b) Assuming pumping length is p , start with $s = N^p E^p S^p W^p$ and use pumping lemma.